

**Creation of Judicial Districts in NCT of Delhi**

260. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since decided to create some more judicial Districts in the NC Territory of Delhi,

(b) if so, what are the details including the number of courts likely to be created; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Nine Civil Districts have been created in the National Capital Territory of Delhi vide Government of NCT, Delhi Notification dated 28.6.2000, co-terminus with the existing nine Revenue Districts. Initially, there would be five Sessions Divisions covering all nine civil Districts.

(c) The proposal is likely to be implemented by 16th August 2000, as per the time frame fixed by the Supreme Court of India in its judgement dated 1.5.2000 passed in re. Delhi Judicial Service Association (Regd.) Vs. Union of India and Ors.

**Pending dowry death cases**

261. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dowry death related cases pending in various courts;

(b) the normal time taken to decide such cases;

(c) whether any time limit has been set for courts to decide dowry death cases; and

(d) the action/steps proposed to be taken to expedite decision on dowry death related cases?

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**LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)** (a) and (b) The information is not maintained in this Department. The information sought relates to cases pending in courts & is connected with the discharge of judicial functions. However the information will be sought from the High Courts & will be laid on the Table of the House

(c) No. time limit has been prescribed by law for courts to decide dowry death cases.

(d) Both the Government and the judiciary are concerned with the pendency of cases including cases relating to dowry death. Various steps are being taken in this regard. These include amendment of the Code of Criminal Procedure increase in the number of Judges/Judicial Officers appointment of Special Judicial/Metropolitan Magistrates etc

### **Simplification of legal procedure**

†262 **SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:** Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study regarding existing Judiciary Code of Criminal Procedure and legal proceedings,

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise,

(c) the reaction of Government and the Judiciary in this regard,

(d) whether there is any proposal to simplify these and to give them a new shape to make Judiciary more popular so that masses can approach it; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)** (a) to (b) The Law Commission and various other bodies like Arrears Committee (Malimath Committee) have been conducting studies on various issues regarding the judicial system, and legal & judicial reforms from time to time. Recently the Law Commission undertook a comprehensive review of the Code of Criminal Procedure and submitted its 154th Report making several recommendations with regard to speedy disposal of cases. Keeping in view these recommendations, the Criminal procedure code (Amendment) Bill, 1994 was prepared and is under the consideration of the Parliament. Further, the Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Act 1999 has been passed by the Parliament

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